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## SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ Rescue ' dangerous ' may take a ' long time ' : NDMA

Multiple hurdles are now delaying the rescue operation of 41 laborers who have been trapped inside the Silkyara tunnel , in Uttarkashi , Uttarakhand .

In last 48 hours there have been no forward movement of the efforts to drill . The Auger drilling machine stopped working after it reached 48 meter mark on Thursday , with the blades struck in debris , which is full of debris and iron girder .

A plasma cutter is being brought from Hyderabad , likely by Sunday , to cut the stuck auger .

The rescue team have planned to manually drill through the last 10 meters of debris to reach the trapped workers , a " dangerous " process , which is likely to take a " long time " , according to National Disaster Management Authority ( NDMA )

### ➔ Rajasthan records 71.64% turnout in peaceful polling

Rajasthan recorded a voter turnout of 71.64 % in the assembly election on Saturday with the ruling Congress and the opposition BJP locking horns in a tight contested campaign .

Voting passed peacefully barring some minor incidents

### ➔ Queries in Lok Sabha: CBI study Lokpal complaint against Mahua

The central Bureau of Investigation ( CBI ) is looking into the complaint forwarded by the Lokpal regarding the allegation against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra related to certain question raised by her in Lok Sabha .

Last month BJP MP Nishikant Dubey has lodged a complaint with Loksabha alleging that bribes were taken in exchange for raising question in lok sabha . She has accused of sharing her lok Sabha login credentials and password with Dubai Based industrialist Darshan Hiranandani

### ➔ Govt invites civil society leaders from Leh and Kargil for talks

The Home Ministry has invited civil society leaders from Leh and Kargil for discussion of December 4 . The initiative by government comes after frequent protests in Laddakh seeking statehood .

The Organisations Leh Apex Body ( LAB ) and Kargil Democratic Alliance ( KDA ) have chosen seven members each to put their demands before the center.

The demands of these groups are : statehood for Ladakh , the inclusion of Ladakh in the sixth schedule of the Constitution , reservation in jobs for local people , and one lok Sabha seat each for Leh and Kargil .





➔ **Infertility treatment finds a place in political manifestos**

The Congress has included Vitro Fertilisation ( IVF ) as an area of focus of manifestation for the Rajasthan Assembly elections .

Goa recently became the first Indian state to offer free IVF , assisted Reproductive technology ( ART ) and Intrautine Insemination Service ( ISI ) .

Maharashtra is also looking into providing financial support to the people from rural areas for IVF treatment under the Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojna .

WHO recognises infertility as Public health issue , policy on treatment can mitigate the financial burden and emotional impact of infertility .

➔ **Urban Affairs ministry starts data portal on cities for policy making**

The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched data from Indian cities available on a single platform for academics , researchers and stakeholders to help data driven policy making .

The Amplifi 2.0 ( Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Livable, Inclusive and Further ready Urban India ) was launched by the Ministry three weeks ago .

The website provide data on range of information for several cities , including total consumption , number of sample tested for water samples , average annual expenditure on healthcare , number of slum dwellers ; and road accident fatalities .

**World**

➔ **Hamas delays release of second batch of hostages**

Hamas said on Saturday that it was delaying the release of second group of Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners . Hamas accused Israel not to comply with truce agreement . Hamas cited issues of aid delivery to Gaza and selection criteria for prison release as the main reasons behind holding the prisoners exchange .

Israel on Saturday denied that it had violated truce agreement and vowed to continue the war to eliminate Hamas when the pause in fighting ends .

“ We will return immediately at end of ceasefire to attack Gaza “ Israel’s military spokesperson said .

On Friday Israel had released 39 prisoners while Hams had released 24 hostages

➔ **Kyiv hit by most massive drone attack since start of the war**

Ukraine said on Saturday that it had downed 71 Russian drones overnight , in what kyiv said was the biggest attack on the capital since the start of the invasion .

Ukrainian army said that Iranian made Shahed drones were used in the attack on capital kyiv .

The drone attack came as Ukraine marked Holidomar Remembrance day , commemorating death of millions by starvation in 1930 under Soviet leadership Joseph Stalin .

The attack left damaged building and led to power cuts in many areas of Kyiv . Currently winter season is on and Power cuts leads to huge difficulties to citizens .

Currently Russia Ukraine war is centered around city of Avdiivka which is nearly encircled by Russian forces .



**Ukraine: position of military forces**

As of Nov 22, at 2000 GMT

- Areas recaptured by Ukraine
- Areas of control claimed by Russia
- Assessed Russian controlled



Map data: OSM, Unosat/Sentinel-2

Source: Institute for the Study of War and AEI's Critical Threats Project



➔ **China complains by incursions into US ship in territorial waters**

The Chinese military said on Saturday that American Naval destroyer USS Hopper entered territorial waters of China, without the approval of Chinese government.

Chinese PLA said in a post that it “ proves that the United States is an out and out security risk creator’ in “ South China sea “.

Currently Phillipines and USA is undergoing Naval exercise in South China sea

